

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the abstract with the following paragraph:

~~The present invention relates to prostheses~~ Prostheses and methods for treating spinal pathologies; and, more specifically, ~~to a system and method for treating articulating surfaces of facet joints. The system includes a superior implant that is configured for placement on a superior articulating facet surface and an inferior implant that is configured for placement on an inferior articulating facet surface. In addition, described is a method for providing articulating surfaces for facet joint articular facets, as well as various types of rasps used to prepare such surfaces.~~ The method includes creating a space between a superior and an inferior articular facet, such as by using a rasp, and fixing superior and inferior implants to the superior and inferior articular facets.